

NEWS BRIEFS

FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY

Harvard Professor Leaves to protest hiring practices

CAMBRIDGE MASS. (CPS)

A Harvard Law professor who went on a leave of absence to protest the school's failure to hire a tenured black woman professor has taken his demonstration one step further to force changes in the hiring policy.

Derrick Ball, 61, who was appointed to Harvard's faculty in 1969, has requested that the school change it's rules to allow him to remain on unpaid leave. Ball left the campus in April 1990 to protest the fact that no black women have been offered tenure at the school.

The outspoken professor, who is due back on the Harvard campus in early summer, challenged Harvard's two-year limit on leaves on the grounds that the rule "doesn't apply to people who have walked away for reasons of conscience."

In a New York Times article, Ball, who is now a visiting professor at New York University's School of Law, expressed anger that two black women who have been visiting professors at Harvard over the past two years have not been offered tenure.

Harvard's current faculty of 64 professors includes five women and three blacks, but no black women.

Bell's much-publicized leave has galvanized a student movement challenging the law school to hire more blacks and women.

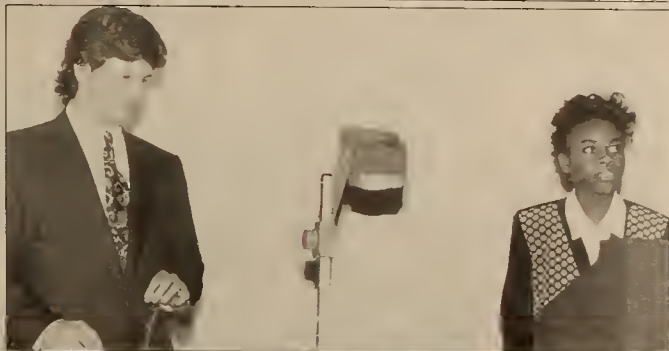
William Kennedy Smith to begin Medical Residency

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO ((CPS)

Six months after he was acquitted of rape charges, William Kennedy Smith will begin his medical residency at the University of New Mexico.

The university has announced that Smith would join 19 other incoming first-year internal medicine residents in June. He had been one of 20 invited to join the program last June.

Smith, 31, nephew of Senator Edward Kennedy, D-Mass, was acquitted last December in West Palm Beach, Fla., of charges he raped a woman at the Kennedy estate.



Chemistry experts Eric Hanson and Marcelle Bixby discuss Triplet Positron Annihilation Spectroscopy at the second annual research seminar. The seminar was held this past weekend in the Ellis White Lecture Hall and included presentations from students and faculty from five different colleges.

Jeff Graziano

Employment high for FSC graduates

Despite a full-fledged recession, just six percent of Fitchburg State College's 1990 graduating class were unable to find a job, according to a survey conducted by the college's Career Services Center.

"Given that most of our graduates limit their job search to Massachusetts, the fact that so many found full-time employment is testimony to their preparation and their own perseverance," said

Douglas Sherman, director of the Center.

The annual survey, which tracks graduates' success in the job market, showed only

"Each professional major has an internship program that places a student in the field with a prospective employer. 29 percent of the graduates reported that they recieved jobs as a result of prior service."

six percent of the class of 1989 to be out of work and looking for employment.

The rest were either in graduate school, working part of full-time, or not currently looking for work.

Seventy-two percent of the class of 1990 — a total of 483 graduates — responded to the survey, according to Sherman.

The other factor keeping employment high for the Fitchburg State graduates was the diversity of careers students are prepared to enter, and the variety of employers they can seek (cont'd on page 7)

In memory of

Nakima LaShaune Joseph
February 28, 1973 - March 16, 1992



Nakima Joseph, affectionately known as "Kima" was born on February 28, 1973 in Boston, Massachusetts, the daughter of Claudette Joseph and James Pratt.

She was very active in her church, Beulah Pilgrim Holiness Church, in Dorchester Ma. Kima was active in the church's programs sharing her musical talents through the piano and violin or being a helpful participant as a junior usher.

Upon graduating from Framingham North High in 1991, she immediately enrolled at Fitchburg State College to pursue a degree in Business Administration. As a freshmen she had adjusted well to her new environment. She shared her talents and captivating personality with others on campus through her involvement in school activities such as talent and fashion shows and even beyond by assisting fellow classmates with an academic or personal problem.

All who came in contact with Kima had the same message about her gifted personality, captivating smile and unique ability to make things look a little brighter. It is for these reasons and others Kima will be sorely missed by her Mom, her little brother Adam, her father, grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. James Joseph and Mr. & Mrs. James Pratt, many aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and numerous friends.

In spite of our heavy hearts, Kima has abruptly left us denying us of her longevity. But, she will be always missed and fondly remembered because of what she gave. It is said "when you give of your possessions, you give little, but when you give of your self, you truly give." Because she gave of herself, she will always be among us.

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Nursing department fears relocation

by Lisa Dancy
Strobe reporter

The bright Nursing offices illuminating the Thompson Hall lobby may face a dark future. A proposal to re-locate the Nursing department to Worcester State may turn the lights out for many of FSC's undergraduates.

This is just one of the concerns that FSC Nursing Department Chairperson Carol Gilbert has regarding a recent Futures Commission report. This updated report contains recommendations about the future of the state and community college system in Massachusetts.

"The department finds the report, at best, problematic. The high levels of specialization and lack of general education is not sound, and will create large problems for students and consumers," said Gilbert.

The report suggests that state colleges should be more efficient if they were restructured and specialized.

The report states that Salem State College could be a good place to center human services programs such as social work.



Carol Gilbert discusses Futures Commission Report.

Worcester, being an area leader in health science because of its hospital facilities and medical expertise, would be a likely candidate for medical programs.

Internal costs is another factor if Fitchburg State College's Nursing department is re-located.

"Our science labs were refurbished with a \$250,000 grant from the state," said Gilbert. "It would cost a great deal of money to move it."

FSC graduates more than 60 nursing students each

year, while only 20 students graduated from Worcester State last year. The abortion of FSC nursing students at Worcester State would strain the biology, chemistry, and nursing laboratories designed to accommodate the lower number of students.

FSC has sophisticated equipment that enables the nursing students to practice techniques before they practice on real people. Mannequins with blood in them can be used to practice IV's and CPR.

"In our A/V lab, we have

large screens and multiple modes of learning. There is an interactive system which is totally self-directed. Students can assess a problem, design the care, and see the outcome of the diagnosis and treatment," said Gilbert.

If nursing students were re-located, they would find a different curriculum in Worcester. The classes are not interchangeable.

"Although the outcome of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree is the same, how one gets to that end is dependent on the philoso-

phy of the faculty," said Gilbert.

At FSC, field work is started in the sophomore year. By their senior year, students are ready for a 24 hour-per-week practicum with a medical facility or agency. Here, they work closely with a preceptor who monitors their work.

Worcester hospitals are often used to provide clinical experience for junior year nursing students, as are 10 to 12 other agencies. Some of these agencies are located in remote locations like Boston, Gardner, and New Hampshire. Worcester State also uses other facilities in addition to their own medical center.

"The premise of keeping all nursing students near the best medical center in the area is an excellent one, but all nursing programs need more diversity than one place can provide," said Gilbert. Gilbert stated that students need experience in psychiatric nursing, medical and surgical nursing, pediatrics, gerontology, and community health.

"Our students use diverse areas in field work. No medical center provides all facilities," said Gilbert. "Worcester may be excellent in acute

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FSC seeks accreditation

by Steve Straight
Strobe staff

FSC will soon be visited by an evaluation team from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). At stake will be the college's NEASC accreditation.

Between April 26 and 28, a group of specially trained evaluators will descend upon the campus. Their mission will be to determine whether or not FSC continues to meet the requirements for accreditation set forth by the NEASC. This activity takes place every ten years for all accredited institutions.

Accreditation is extremely important for every school. Without it, graduates of the school would probably be denied access to the next level. For example, someone with a bachelor's degree from an unaccredited school would find it extremely difficult to get into graduate school.

But don't worry. FSC President Vincent Mara says that there is absolutely no chance that the school won't be accredited.

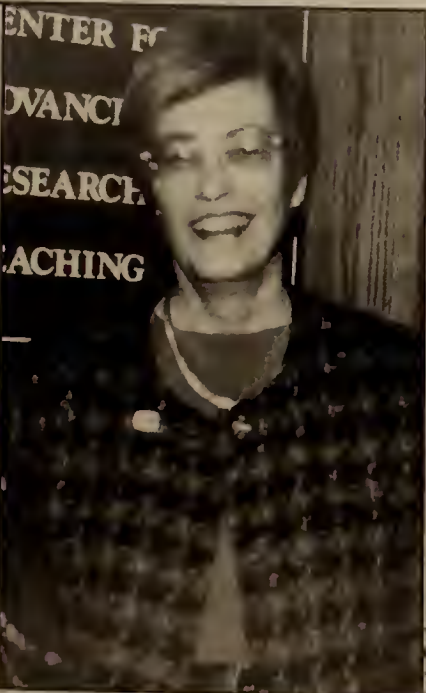
"They (the evaluation team) will find that we're even better now than we were ten years ago," he said. Mara pointed to a larger and more experienced faculty, new and better programs, and the addition of a number of academic minors. He also mentioned the medical technology program and the thousands of dollars the school has and will soon invest in modern computer equipment.

The team will arrive on Sunday, April 26. They will spend Monday and Tuesday in meetings, both scheduled and unscheduled. They may even randomly approach students and

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"I am pleased to advise you that a compromise was reached on the language that would have limited each state college to a specific number of high demand majors. As a result of this compromise, there is no language in the report demanding a specific reduction the number of major programs at each state college. It is the clear intention of this report to require that each state college adopt a distinctive statewide mission focusing on regional and statewide needs. We are awaiting instructions from the Higher Education Coordinating Council (HECC) to begin making plans for the implementation of this report."

Adrian Tinsley
President, Bridgewater State College From a message delivered to BSC faculty and staff members on



Strobe file photo

If I were king...

By Steve Straight
Strobe staff

This might keep me from ever being elected to public office, but that's okay. Here's a list of all the changes I would make if I were made King of the United States tomorrow.

Congress would be required to submit a balanced budget every year. If they couldn't, they would be replaced with a group or organization that could.

Elimination of the federal deficit would be priority one. Defense, foreign aid, and government research are examples of programs that would be curtailed or cut until this is accomplished.

Federal office campaigns would all be publicly financed. Political action committees, corporations, and wealthy individuals would be barred from making political contributions to individuals,

although they would be allowed to contribute to a general campaign fund. (They wouldn't, but they could.)

The deduction for child support on income tax returns would be replaced with a \$2000 per child surcharge. These funds would be appropriated for the financing of public education on a national level.

The Postal Service would be eliminated. Mail delivery would be left to private carriers.

Everyone who received a benefit from an entitlement program would be required to do something for it. If this led to a reduction in government employees, good.

Religious organizations would be subject to the same property and income tax laws as private individuals and corporations. Freedom of religion should also mean freedom from paying for someone else's religion.

Marijuana and cocaine would be decriminalized, and nearly every dime spent on George's laughable "drug war" would be spent on drug rehabilitation, education, and job training.

Every "T" employee who didn't say "thank you" when you bought a subway token would be sacked.

I would impose an immediate 50 cent per gallon gasoline tax that would go toward reducing the deficit. The positive impact that this would have on alternative energy research and development, preservation of the environment, improvement of mass transit systems, and elimination of the need to spend billions of dollars defending racist theocracies the size of New Jersey, is obvious.

Finally, I would have a vice-King who had his or her own opinion once in awhile.

Recycling FSC

by Toni Green
Contributing writer

Recycling is one of our most urgent concerns as inhabitants of the Earth. Unfortunately, no matter how much information about the importance of saving such natural resources as trees, and energy is presented through the media, there is still an abundance of apathy. By recycling one aluminum can, one can save enough energy to run a television for three hours. If all Americans who obtain a Sunday newspaper recycled it, we'd save over 500,000 trees per week, or 26,000,000 every year. Recycling half of the world's paper would free 20 million acres of precious forest land.

We need to strongly consider the long term benefits of recycling rather than simply concentrating on the short term costs, or the inconvenience. More jobs can be produced and a great deal of money can be saved.

Think about all of the bottles and cans of beer and soda that students go through in one weekend. At five cents each, you would not only be contributing to a great cause, but also making a profit. If you don't care to return cans and bottles, there are boxes in the commuter's cafeteria and throughout the campus for recycling. MASSPIRG is currently working on providing more visible boxes for recycling not only cans, but also paper in all of the buildings on campus.

If any dorm on campus is interested in recycling more than cans or paper, M&M Recycling will come and pick up six dollars or more worth of recyclables such as batteries and scrap copper. They are located in Fitchburg.

Accreditation

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pose a few questions.

An exit interview is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, before the team departs. Soon after that, they submit a report of their findings to the NEASC Commission on Institutions of Higher Education. Dr. Mara will have an opportunity to correct factual errors in the report before it is submitted.

Before they arrive, the evaluation team will have had a chance to study FSC's "Report On Institutional Self-Study" for 1992. This 124 page document is a comprehensive look at the college, by the college.

"The self-study report deals with faculty, administration, budgets, and other issues," said Mara. "We tell about our strengths and weaknesses, the problems, and the good things. This is good because every ten years, we have to take a look at ourselves."

Mara observed that while the school's problems are uppermost in people's minds, the positive aspects often go unnoticed. The self-study helps to alleviate this. "I find that as an institution, we do a lot more good things than we know we do," he said.

The seven member evaluation team includes faculty and administrators from institutions all over New England. Each was chosen for his or her expertise in one or more of the specific areas that must be studied. These areas include fiscal concerns, the library, facilities, minority distribution, staff distribution, student services, and faculty.

The evaluation team will be led by Thomas J. Haas, who is the chief of the Chemistry Section and Coordinator of Student Development at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

The other members are:

- Theodora J. Kalikow, Dean, Plymouth State College, Plymouth N.H.
- Marie Kascus, Librarian, Central Connecticut State University
- William A. Laramee, Dean of Student Affairs, Lyndon State College, Lyndonville, VT
- Dr. Roy H. Meralli, vice President for Administration, Eastern Connecticut State College
- Dr. Dorothy D. Moore, Dean, College of Education, University of Southern Maine
- Dwayne Wrightsman, Professor of Finance, University of New Hampshire

An invitation to debate

By Stephen M. Gemme
Strobe staff

For the past six weeks, I have been part of a remarkable experience. For one hour a week on Tuesday afternoons, myself and three other FSC undergraduates (Gary Gamuchian, Jay Caprioli, and John Eisner) take to the airwaves of WXPL and debate the issues of the day. No issue is sacred, no position untouchable. Gary Gamuchian is our resident on the right wing, while Jay Caprioli is not afraid to say he is a liberal. Eisner is our host, moderator, and overall leader in our discussions. I fill the role of the moderate conservative on some issues, more liberal on others.

Debate and discussion of issues is important to the future of our democracy. Our show has been criticized for being too extreme, too biased, and too controversial. To these critics I say this: Get off your high horse and join the debate! If a member of our group challenges an organization like MASSPIRG or SGA, we invite representatives from that group to come and voice their positions. Equal time on the issues is our policy.

If a person or a group has a problem with criticism, I suggest that they realize that life is not a bowl of cherries! If a position is so weak it cannot be defended, then perhaps it should be attacked and explored. There is nothing as powerful as the truth, especially in the realm of politics.

I'd like to invite more people to listen on Tuesday afternoons. If you disagree with our positions, let us know! Contact WXPL, or send comments to box 3095. The more voices that join the debate, the better. We will all grow richer from the experience.

Sometimes it is more difficult to do good things than bad things. Just ask our political leaders, or anyone else in authority.

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Women graduates challenged by jobs

by Maryann Rodrigues
Contributing writer

You've put in four years of hard work at FSC. You've spent all your evenings at the library and suffered endless all-nighters crammed with studying. Finally, your work has paid off. Your GPA is fantastic and you've earned the respect of your professors. Of course, you've worked at a variety of jobs and been involved in several campus activities. It's time to take the next step: graduate and begin your career.

There is only one problem, you happen to be a woman entering a male dominated workforce. Although women have come a long way in the work world, they still face major obstacles in their careers in comparison to men. As the numbers of working women began increasing in the 1970's, women were earning approximately 62 cents for every dollar earned by men. Today, earnings have risen to 74 cents for every male-earned dollar. Perhaps you've come a long way, but the pace is very slow. At this rate women might reach parity with men in the year 2017.

The gap between male and female earnings varies according to professions. Women who work in jobs that are considered traditionally female, such as nursing and teaching, (75 percent of working women today) earn salaries that are comparable to their male counterparts. However, these jobs pay less money than male-dominated jobs requiring comparable training and education. The gap widens in professions where women are breaking stereotypical barriers. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics there is a whopping 38 percent difference in earnings for graphic designers in favor

of men. Male insurance underwriters earn 35 percent more than women in the same profession. Only women postal clerks come in ahead of male clerks earning approximately two percent more.

Perhaps your major was business and you intend to avoid traditionally female professions. You want to head straight up the corporate ladder. Unfortunately, statistics show that chances are your climb will be a short one. Only 175 of the 6,502 corporate officers employed at the nation's largest companies in 1990 were women, according to a recent study. Many reasons have been offered for this inequality. The "old boy" network, in which men in high positions give priority to their male contacts in familiar organizations, schools and clubs, is still very much in existence. Beyond this, many employers are reluctant to promote women into positions where they supervise mostly men, or they simply still hold sexist attitudes toward working men. In a recent poll conducted by the Wall Street Journal, 80 percent of women executives have experienced "not being taken seriously" in the workplace.

Sexual harassment, lack of adequate benefits, family responsibilities such as elder and child care, and unrealistic maternity leave policies are still more of the issues plaguing women who are entering the workforce. Times have changed. Women are no longer simply looking for a second income to supplement their husband's paycheck. In fact, 20 percent of working women are heads of households. Even in two income families, both paychecks are usually needed to pay the bills. Beyond the money, women today are looking for careers that are satisfying and fulfilling.

Orientation leaders reflect FSC

by Kerry Quealey
Staff reporter

What exactly does an Orientation Leaders job consist of?

The Fitchburg State College Orientation Leaders try to create an atmosphere which socially and academically welcomes new students.

The director, Timothy Liptrap, begins the selective process by choosing unique individuals who would best fit the characteristics of an Orientation Leader. A student should have good leadership qualities, a general knowledge of FSC, and some on-campus experience in order to participate.

"The task of finding those people most eligible, willing, and perfect for the job is not an easy one; but once chosen, those special individuals carry through," said Liptrap.

Interviews for orientation applicants will take a half hour and will be done individually and then in a group. The director and assistant coordinators try to select a good mix of people.

"Orientation is a team which is built through different background features," said Liptrap. "We're a role model to students and parents because we're the first they see. The impression we make will be the reflection of FSC."

Orientation Leaders are chosen by the end of January or early February and they are trained from the second week of March until June.

In the training period, the leaders start from scratch and have to attend many meetings, as well as participating in exercises and programs in order to enhance their efficiency as a leader.

"The entire training process aims at three goals: growing individually, developing as a staff, and being able to work with a variety of people on a project," said Liptrap.

The exercises the orientation leaders participate in are diversity training and pluralism—understanding how to deal with handicaps, homosexuals, multicultural groups, and sexism. Liptrap recalls one specific time when a young girl told one of the leaders she had been raped. The leader immediately found help for the girl and the group accomplished their goal of bringing out awareness.

Through the use of plays, talks, and other means, the orientation leaders can relay messages of alcohol and drug awareness to the new students.

Liptrap's two coordinators, Paul Gleason, and Joe Janerico, and Student Affairs are also involved with the orientation program.

This year during the program there will be a session called Club Carnival. Clubs and organizations will speak with the newcomers to show them the extra curricular activities FSC has to offer.

Orientation leaders will also help the new students with their schedules.

This year orientation participants will be staying in the New Halls, each building separated by gender.

"The leader's goal is to keep the entire program 'entertaining but formal,'" said Liptrap. "Everything we do has a purpose, and everyone on staff is involved in some way."

The Orientation Leaders are paid \$350 for the two week program, along with room and board.

Masspirg battles hunger and homelessness

by Lisa Dancy
Staff reporter

Masspirg is continuing its fight against hunger and homelessness with new events planned in April to raise money for local and national efforts.

On Saturday April 11, Masspirg is sponsoring a Walk For Hunger at 4:00p.m. in Coolidge Park, near the Wallace Civic Center.

Katy Malloy, co-coordinator of Masspirg's Hunger and Homelessness Committee said, "Every-

one is encouraged to join the walk."

The walk is six miles long and takes approximately two to three hours to complete. People may walk for as many miles as they want.

Fifty percent of the money raised by this event will go to Our Father's House, a homeless shelter in Fitchburg. The other half of the money will go to the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness (NSCAHH).

This organization is a

network of students, teachers and community leaders who work to fight these problems throughout the world.

There will also be a Hunger Cleanup in the North Street and Green Street Parks on Sunday April 26 from 11:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.

"This is a joint effort between the neighborhood committee, headed by Bob McPhail, and FSC's Masspirg," said Malloy.

Students and townspeople are encouraged to help out with the clean up.

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— Special features —

Health fair scheduled for April 9

by Steve Straight
Strobe staff

Need a reason to attend Health Services' Health Fair? "Come for the health of it," said Health Services Director Jacky Redlin.

The Health Fair will be held in G-lobby on Thursday, April 9, between 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

"Our theme for the fair this year is 'Health Awareness in the Nineties,'" said Redlin. "The emphasis is in keeping you well. We want to make people more aware, more health conscious."

A huge variety of activities and displays is being planned. Some of these include:

- body fat analysis by FSC's Health Education department.
- blood pressure testing.
- height and weight testing.
- nose "suncoating" provided by the Red Cross.
- a carbon monoxide check by the Twin City COMMIT.
- STD information from the UMASS Resident Program.
- pregnancy prevention information from F.A.C.T.S. of Fitchburg.
- information about heart disease from the American Heart Association.

Other participants will include McDonalds and D'Angelo's, PRO Health of Fitchburg, PrimeMed of Leominster, FSC's own S.A.V.E. group, and members of two of the campus sororities.

In addition to all of the above, Redlin hopes to include an eye doctor, AIDS information, and an ongoing aerobics class for people who would like to join in and see what it's like.

"I think that stress is a serious issue with the student population here," said Redlin. "Poor eating habits, cigarette smoking, and drinking are also big problems."

Redlin talked about how many of the health issues on campus are related. "Violence, AIDS, alcohol and drug abuse cannot really be separated from each other," she said. "Next year, we'd like to have the topic of the year be alcohol awareness. It would be great if all the various agencies could work together to make this happen."

All-College Development Day highlights students

by Byron Bartlett
Contributing Writer

dents Wendy Mead and Shane Rodriguez are co-chairs of the event.

The subjects that will be discussed represent many of the concerns often expressed by students. According to Vice President for Academic Affairs Elaine Gardiner, the fact that students are in charge will have an impact.

"Even if the topics were the same, the focus would be different if the events were organized by faculty or administration rather than students," she said.

The day begins at 8:30 a.m. with refreshments. Sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m., and will last until 4:00 p.m.

Some of the issues facing students will be off-

campus drinking, sexual harassment, registration nightmares, the bookstore, grading issues, violence and the judicial process. An "open forum" discussion will be held in either Thompson or Hammond. Several different forums will be going on at once, and students should check the schedule on that day to see which event they are interested in.

All-College Development Day has its roots in a program called Assessment Week, which was around in 1976 and lasted three or four days. In 1986, Assessment Week was revived, and All-College Development Day has occurred every April since then.

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but may not have much for well-care and the home health nursing experience."

Besides limiting medical experience, the specialization recommended by the Future's Commission will not allow nursing students to gain the necessary experience of a liberal arts background.

"By restricting the liberal arts, we will be going against the needs of the state," said Gilbert. "Some future jobs haven't even been designed yet. Workers will need a high degree of flexibility, as well as the writing and thinking skills that a background in liberal arts can provide."

The Future's Commission report stresses that restructuring will diminish competition for students, and help the state colleges to work better as a team. Gilbert doesn't believe this will happen.

"Instead of coordinating forces, the schools are forced to be in competition because they are redesign-

ing their missions," said Gilbert.

The report also states that combining programs will save money for the state because it will be more efficient. For commuting students, however, the restructuring may limit choices.

"I can't really see how it will be saving money," said Gilbert. "There may be decreasing enrollment because some commuters may no longer be able to go to college if their program is in a place that is too far to commute."

Many other faculty members are concerned about the implications that the Future's Commission report has for the future. If it were implemented, diversity would decrease as specialization increased.

"A report like this makes me very concerned," said Gilbert. "The logical flow doesn't exist, and there is a lack of understanding about all the dimensions of the college experience."

Masspirg

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This is a national event which was created by a group of students in 1985. Thirty campuses in Massachusetts are involved in the event.

Students can help prepare and serve food to the area's poor and hungry by visiting Our Father's Table on Main Street. Participating students make visits on Wednesday from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and serve breakfast on Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

"A lot of people volunteering to go to Our Father's Table have done this before with church groups or in high school," said Brian Rancourt, co-coordinator of Masspirg's hunger and Homelessness Committee. "Most students who help out for the first time usually come back again," said Rancourt.

A regular group of community members work at Our Father's Table, and student volunteers from FSC work on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

"About five regulars have been going, but we'd like to encourage more students to get involved even if they only go once. We'd like to rotate the volunteers," said Rancourt.

Another way to help the hungry is by donating canned goods to Masspirg's Food Drive, which began on March 23, and will continue until enough food is collected.

"(Masspirg is) encouraging donations of canned corn, beans, and pasta so they can have large quantities of each food," said Rancourt.

The food collection centers are located in the Hammond Building, Miller Hall, and the Residence Halls.

"We have made paper tents to put on the tables of the commuter's cafeteria to remind people about the food drive," said Rancourt.



Osgood art creations displayed in Campus Center Gallery

Carrie Jorgensen

Osgood featured in gallery

by Kristi Widberg
Stribe staff

The Fitchburg State College Art Gallery is hosting a display of wood and glass sculptures by Christopher Osgood throughout the month of April.

Christopher Osgood's studio resides in Princeton, Massachusetts, the area being much like that he grew up in. Near his studio are woods in which he likes to spend time walking. "I need to get away and out into the woods," said Osgood. Nature seems to have a definite impact on his art.

Osgood also has a strong

attraction for New England. "I have to say that there's something about New England and my being a New Englander that is very important to me at this point."

Osgood had moved to Houston for a year to accept a fellowship at the Museum of Fine Arts, but again moved back to New England after the end of his project. "Something about it was so compelling; the stone walls, the trees, the seasons."

Poetry has also figured importantly into Osgood's life and art in the last four years. He has met poets at art colonies and is also influ-

enced by famous poets such as Langston Hughes and Emily Dickinson. Though Osgood admits his limited knowledge concerning poetry, he does believe that it has become an important factor for him.

"I don't even think of myself as an artist, and I love that... I guess I'm just trying to find the best way to open myself up," he said.

This is something that one may consider once one has seen this art show. Christopher Osgood's display of wood and glass is available for viewing in Fitchburg State College's Art Gallery.

The 'dead' very much alive

by Richard Muti
Staff Reporter

Friday the 13th has come to be known as the superstitious holiday when bad things happen to unlucky people. Fortunately, for the Grateful Dead and 17,000 other people, Friday, March 13 turned out to be a lucky night at the Nassau Coliseum in Uniondale, New York.

This concert was the third in a three night series in Nassau, and the Grateful Dead was in fine form for the unusual holiday. The first set opened up with a sweet version of "Mississippi Half Step". Jerry Garcia's voice and playing were fantastic and ignited the audience. Bob Weir followed with "The Same Thing", a tune the Grateful Dead has just recently been playing again since 1971.

The first set flowed smoothly and maintained the energy with which the concert began. Included in this set included "Brown Eyed Women", "El Paso", "Candyman", and the Bob Dylan song "When I Pain My Masterpiece". "Bird Song" ended the set with a lengthy jam.

The security proved to be relaxed throughout the intermission and did not place many restrictions upon the crowd. This was quite a relief to the Grateful Dead because of the less than friendly attitude that security displayed to the audience in the past few years.

The second set exploded with even more energy than the first. Grateful Dead's performance was flawless. Although the song selection was not what some would have hoped for, it still provided some unique moments.

Keyboardist Vince Welnick opened the set with his first composition for the band entitled, "Way To Go Home". The crowd responded excitedly to the new song and Welnick gave a powerful performance.

A slow, sweet version of "Crazy Fingers" followed and flowed into a riveting version of "Women Are Smarter". This version brought the Coliseum to a higher level of excitement with the crowd clapping and dancing.

Basist Phil Lesh presented his newest song "Wave to the Wind". Lesh had not written a song for the band since 1975. Although the music was enjoyable, the lyrics were barely audible.

Drummers Mickey Hart and Bill Kreutzman ignited the crowd with their jamming performance. Hart portrayed a chugging train while Kreutzman blasted out a blaring horn sound. The Grateful Dead were pleased by the audience's positive response because the crowd is usually comatose during this Drums/Space section of the show.

After an eerie Space sampling which sounded much like the "Friday the 13th" soundtrack, the Grateful Dead returned with "The Wheel". This was followed by "Wharf Rat", "Throwing Stones" and a rocking version of "Lovelight". "Box of Rain" served as an encore.

The band continued their tour a few days later in Philadelphia and Hamilton, Ohio.

'Basic' has good instincts

by Tara Kerrigan
Staff reporter

The latest word in controversy is "Basic Instinct", a new erotic thriller directed by Paul Verhoeven and starring Michael Douglas and Sharon Stone. The public was and still is shocked over this supposedly graphic and risqué film. Despite all the gossip, "Basic Instinct" is continuing to attract thousands to theaters all over the country.

Michael Douglas plays Detective Nick Curran who gets involved in a complex murder case. The prime suspect on Curran's list is the seductive Catherine Tremmel, played by Sharon Stone.

Tremmel is the author of several murder mysteries each of

which has an ironic way of becoming reality. Her latest novel involves a detective, and her subject is none other than Nick Curran. Tremmel spent a great deal of time and effort researching Curran's life and uses this information to lure him in closer. They do get close, very close.

Stone's acting is genuinely exceptional and she fascinates the audience with her portrayal of Tremmel. The problem with this film is that its explicitness is not necessary in most cases. The repeated sex and nudity takes away from the plot. The plot is intriguingly twisted and could easily be a success without the offensive graphic scenes. "Basic Instinct" was anything but basic, yet it could have been better.

'Toad' is hopping

by John Gillis and Leo Bray
Contributing writers

Toad the Wet Sprocket, an up and coming college band, performed at the Pearl Street in Northampton on March 23 supporting their third album "Fear".

Toad's popularity has been rising due to an effective combination of emotional lyrics and the use of acoustic guitar and the mandolin in just the right measure. Toad's latest video, "Hold Her Down", is a prime example of their emotional lyrics. This release has drawn a lot of controversy due to its openness on the subject of rape.

The band opened with "Walk on the Ocean", the first cut of their new album, and continued for an hour and a half with many songs from all of their albums. The band got the audience jumping with the third song they per-

formed, "One Little Girl". This song is about women being abused by overbearing, controlling men. The guitars were organically intense as they ripped through chord after chord.

The highlight of the evening was when the lead singer, Glen Phillips, got the crowd belting out the lyrics to "Come Back Down" along with him. The mood generated by this was one of fellowship among the Toad fans. Most of these fans had assumed they were the only ones aware of the band's existence before that night. Toad did, however, make a recent appearance on the David Letterman show.

Toad the Wet Sprocket is a band that is here to stay. All three of their albums, "Bread and Circus", "Pale", and the latest "Fear", are equally satisfying and each offers a variety of song styles.

A tapulating experience

by Dan McDermott
Stribe staff

On the evening of Friday, March 27, WXPL hosted the Spinal Tap premiere party in the Fitchburg State College Pub. U.K.'s Spinal Tap are the titillating David St. Hubbins on lead vocals, the masterful Nigel Tufnel on guitar, and the sensational Derek Smalls on bass (cucumber and all).

The bash began with a brief meditation and a videotaped welcome from Spinal Tap themselves. Dieratorials by host Matthew St. Hubbins (illegitimate son of David St. Hubbins) were thankfully broken up by samples from the new Tap album, "Break Like the Wind", and the original album, "Smell the Glove".

A tantalizing buffet consisted of folded sandwiches and Hydrox on the halfshell, and contests were abundant; trivia, guitar solo competitions, sing-a-longs, and, of course, bobbing for whoopee cushions and unused cucumbers.

Giveaways included sampler tapes, CD's, posters, and t-shirts. Those present also had the pleasure of viewing the new video, "Bitch School", and the original "This is Spinal Tap" rockumentary. So if you were fool enough to stay home on Friday night, see what you missed? Bloody wanker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Post abortion concerns? "Project Rachel" can help deal with those concerns in a confidential, gentle, and dignified manner. For further information, contact Fr. Rich or Lois at 345-2688.

Student health services would like to advise students new to FSC this semester that they should have submitted a health form to Health Services. These students cannot register for next semester without submitting this form.

Steep screens, Pap smears, allergy shots, T.B. skin testing, immunizations, pregnancy tests, health education and more are available at Health Services. Most services are free of charge. Health services is located in the Anthony Building. Walk-in hours are:

Mon-Friday 10:00a.m.-11:45a.m.

Mon-Thurs. 3:00p.m.-6:00p.m.

Fri. 2:00p.m.-4:00p.m.

(Other times by appointment)

As part of the "Noon time notes" series, FSC's Jazz Band will be performing big band jazz with vocals, on April 9 at 1:30p.m. in the Hammond Building lounge.

On April 16, the U.S. Air Force's 5-piece Band of Liberty will offer "New England Winds." The show will begin at 1:30p.m., also in the Hammond Lounge.

Local favorite Mark Marquis will bring his jazz trio to the lounge on April 27 at 12:30p.m.

Newman Center Holy Week Schedule:

Mon., April 13 - Mass 9:00p.m.

Tues., April 14 and Wed., April 15 - Mass 4:30p.m.

Thurs., April 16 - Mass 7:00p.m.

Fri., April 17 - Stations of the Cross 12:30p.m.

No Mass on Easter Sunday due to long weekend.

Employment

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those jobs from according to Sherman. Six hundred and ninety-eight FSC undergraduates responded to the survey, but only two employers (Fitchburg Public Schools and Mass General Hospital) are listed as hiring more than four graduates.

"This diversity of employers and occupations is the key to job success in a terrible business climate," Sherman said. "Hundreds of different employers hired members of the class of 1990 — a real tribute to the senior's perseverance and to their preparation for a changing economy."

Despite the relative success in landing jobs, the sour Massachusetts economy did have a major impact on the graduating seniors. That point is well illustrated when 1990's figures are compared with those from 1988 — the golden year of the "Massachusetts Miracle."

"Not only was the rate of full-time employment down 11 percent from 1988," Sherman noted, "but salary levels fell, with only 62 percent earning over \$20,000, compared to 72 percent in 1988."

Sherman also noted that the survey disputes the notion that liberal arts majors at the state colleges are redundant — a claim put forth in the recent Futures commission report on public higher education.

"Many of our liberal arts and science graduates do very well in finding jobs, but many more go directly on to graduate school rather than into full-time employment," said Sherman. "Their overall success in finding work or gaining entrance to graduate school demonstrates the programs' value to those students who want these options."

"Moreover, 73 percent of the respondents tell us they are employed in a field related to their college degree. Although that's a significantly lower figure than in the past, it's impressive when you consider that 87 percent are employed in Massachusetts and 92 percent in New England, given the poor economy, this is an excellent fit between expectations and opportunity."

He attributed much of this success to the college's internship programs.

"Each professional major has an internship program that places a student in the field with a prospective employer as a part of his or her routine study of the field," explained Sherman. "And 29 percent of the graduates reported that they received their jobs as a result of prior service with the employer. For some of the larger majors, the percentage was even higher — 54 percent for nursing, for example, and 33 percent for communications/media."

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Baseball team goes South

by Jason Malone
Contributing writer

The Fitchburg State baseball squad headed south to Florida during spring break to kick off their 1992 season. Although the Falcons played to a less than spectacular 2-5 record, the trip did produce some promising statistics.

Three F.S.C. sluggers posted batting averages .400 or above: outfielder Mat Fallon (.417), pitcher/first baseman Bryan Wilson (.409), and outfielder Dan Ryan (.400).

The Falcons began the trip by dropping a double-header to Salem State. Then a loss to Amherst College ran their losing streak to three games.

FSC posted their first wins of the season with a double-header sweep of UMass-Boston behind the strong arms of starters Bryan Wilson and John Basile. They each worked complete games, allowing just nine Beacon hits collectively. Wilson struck out 13 on his way to a shut out.

The FSC ballplayers closed the trip out with losses to Babson College and Skidmore College. All games played in Florida will count to Fitchburg's overall record.

After four delays due to bad field conditions, the Falcons began their northern endeavors this past weekend as they did down south: a double-header against conference rivals Salem State.



Indoor track team practices for last weekend's track invitational

Indoor track off and running

by Jason Malone
Contributing writer

The Fitchburg State men's track team kicked off their spring season this past weekend at the FSC Invitational.

Senior tri-captain Jeff Moda led the Falcons in the track events by capturing first place in both the 100 and 200 meter dashes. Senior captain Rich Carabba notched a first in the 3,000 meter Steeplechase.

Leading FSC in the field events was senior captain Chris Smith, who took a first in the pole vault, a second in the long jump, and a third in the high jump. Also impressive for the Falcons was Kris Theriault, who placed first in the javelin, and Mike Digris, who placed second in the triple jump.

Overall, the Fitchburg men had a productive first showing, and are looking forward to a successful spring season.

Intramural hoop bouncing big

by Eric Saczawa
Strobe staff

Suddenly, the Parkinson Gymnasium was empty. After completing the finest women's basketball season ever, and the men's most successful season in six years, the lonely gym had nothing to look forward to. Until now. The true athletes have taken over (maybe not).

Under the direction of intramural coordinator George Martin, and chairperson Randy Bullock, the 1992 men's intramural basketball season is in full swing.

Over 30 teams fill a schedule of five divisions,

A through E. With over 300 men in the school participating, basketball is the most popular intramural program on campus, according to Martin. This figures to be almost one-third of the male population at FSC.

Divisions A and B are for any team that has a member with varsity college experience, whether at FSC or elsewhere. The remaining divisions are open to all teams.

With team names like Six Sensitive Guys, Sexual Chocolate, and Average White Trash, it sounds more like the battle of the bands night at a club. It is very organized and competitive,

however, and Martin called it the most physically intense of the intramural sports.

The league hires referees to make calls as best they can. With 300 sweating guys who want to win, it can be difficult. All referees must have had formal basketball officiating experience, or be extremely knowledgeable about the sport, according to Martin.

The games may not look quite like the NCAA playoff games, but one thing is for sure. A lot of FSC men love basketball, but don't have the time to commit to the varsity program. This league gives all those with an appreciation for the sport to come together.



FSC Women's track team training at FSC Athletic Fields

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Men's Intramural Basketball Standings

All records as of Wednesday, April 1

Division A		Division C	
Sycamores	3-0	Pagos	2-0
Clus Back	2-0	The Has-Beens	1-0
Sexual Chocolate	1-0	The Unified Team	1-1
Anything Goes	2-3	RTD 45	1-1
Volts	1-1	Free Mike Tyson	1-1
Trojans	0-3	Euthenasia	0-3

Division B		Division D	
The Palace	3-0	Average White Trash	2-0
Knockers	2-1	Four Horsemen	1-0
RTD	2-2	Sprockets	1-1
Sweathogs	1-1	Cha Ching	1-1
Surfers	1-1	Bulls	0-1
Pythons	1-3	Nameless	0-2

Editors note: At press time Division E had yet to begin competition.

-KG